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SUBJECT: AHRAM REPORT OF ME SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS AND  
EXPECTED VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO EGYPT AND  
OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.

1. 23 FEB AHRAM CONTAINS ARTICLE FROM HAMDY FUAD IN WASHINGTON  
REPORTING ON LATEST STATUS OF TALKS ON ME SETTLEMENT. ARTICLE  
STATES THAT MOST RECENT PROPOSAL IS THAT EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI MILITARY  
COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN GENEVA UNDER UNEF COMMANDER SIILASVUO  
IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS EGYPTIAN ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT "ACCORDING  
TO PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE NOW BEING AGREED ON IN CONTACTS TAKING  
PLACE BETWEEN ISMAIL FAHMY, SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND HEAD OF  
SYRIAN INTERESTS SECTION IN US, SABAH QABBANI; BETWEEN  
KISSINGER AND HIS AIDES AND ISRAELI AMBASSADOR SIMHA DINITZ;  
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AND BETWEEN KISSINGER AND SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

2. FUAD'S ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT ACCORDING TO WASHINGTON SOURCES, "SYRIA WELCOMES THIS PROPOSAL ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE UNIFIED ARAB COMMAND, COMPRISING THE SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN FRONTS, PERMITS THE SUBJECT OF DISENGAGEMENT ON THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FRONTS TO FALL WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THAT UNIFIED COMMAND." ACCORDING TO FUAD, THSE SOURCES ALSO STATE THAT ISRAEL HAS OBJECTED TO THE PROPOSAL, BUT THAT THE US AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT "TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF ITS EXECUTION IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED."

3. FUAD'S REPORT STATES THAT FOLLOWING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S DEPARTURE FOR MEXICO UNDERSECRETARY SISCO WAS IN TELEPHONE CONTACT FEB 22 WITH FAHMY TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL. REPORTEDLY, KISSINGER WILL MEET FAHMY IMMEDIATELY ON SECRETARY'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON SUNDAY BEFORE FLYING TO ALGIERS ON BEGINNING OF ME TRIP.

4. ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT DISCUSSION HAS ALSO TAKEN PLACE ON THE RESUMPTION OF US/EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS "ON THE BASIS OF THE EVALUATION BY EACH ARAB STATE WHICH HAS BROKEN RELATIONS WITH THE US OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH AS TEP, AND ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS AGREEMENT AMONG THE ARAB COUNTRIES."

5. ARTICLE ADDS THAT "IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT ISMAIL FAHMY'S TALKS WITH KISSINGER TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WILL ALSO DEAL WITH THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO EGYPT AND SOME ARAB COUNTRIES."

6. ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT FAHMY AND SAUDI FONMIN SAQQAF HAVE INFORMED PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT IT IS HIGH TIME FOR US TO RECONSIDER ITS POLICY ON ONE HAND AND ITS RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES ON THE OTHER. FAHMY AND SAQQAF REPORTEDLY SAID THAT PAST US ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL HAS RESULTED IN FURTHER DETERIORATION OF SITUATION, AND THAT THE STOPPAGE OF MORE FUNDS AND ARMS TO ISRAEL MAY HELP ACHIEVE PEACE.

7. ARTICLE NOTES THAT FAHMY AND SAQQAF MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE SUBJECT OF SYRIAN/ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AND THAT OF THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO SHOULD BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY.

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8. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT BEGINNING WITH THIS COMING WEEK, CAIRO WILL WITNESS WIDE-SCALE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, BEGINNING WITH SECRETARY'S VISIT FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1 WHICH COINCIDES WITH GROMYKO'S VISIT TO EGYPT, ALTHOUGH HE AND KISSINGER WILL NOT NECESSARILY MEET IN CAIRO AT THAT TIME. THSE VISITS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THOSE OF TUNISIAN FONMIN HABIB EL-SHATTI, FRENCH FONMIN JOBERT, AND AUSTRIAN PRIME MINISTER KREISKY ON MARCH 9.

ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT APRIL WILL SEE FURTHER ACTIVITY BECAUSE  
OF THE EXPECTED ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND THAT OF FRG  
CHANCELLOR BRANDT IN MID-MONTH.  
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